1 2 3 4 5 6 7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA VAHAN JALADIAN, 10 11 Plaintiff, No. CIV S-04-1304 LKK CMK P 12 VS. C.A. HUGHES, et al., 13 Defendants. **ORDER** 14 15 Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme 16 17 Court has ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent prisoners in § 1983 cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In 18 19 certain exceptional circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). <u>Terrell v. Brewer</u>, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991); 20 21 Wood v. Housewright, 900 F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court 22 does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Plaintiff's motion for the appointment of 23 counsel will therefore be denied. 24 ///// 25 ///// ///// 26

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's November 21, 2005 motion for the appointment of counsel is denied. DATED: December 5, 2005. UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE jala 04cv1304.31